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# RIGA NAVAL BATTLE RESULTS ARE IN DOUBT

## RUSSIANS SAY GERMANS SURELY MET A SEVERE REVERSE THERE

While the Germans Are Silent As to the Claims of the Russians.

**BALTIC CAMPAIGN SLOW**  
Russians Are Compelling Teutons to Fight for Every Step They Are Winning.

**BERLIN, Aug. 24.**—A hill at Kopytow, to the southwest of the Russian front of Breslau, has been stormed by the Teutonic forces, according to an official statement given out today.

**LONDON, Aug. 24.**—The latest details concerning the Riga naval battle have failed to clear up the situation. Petrograd advices make it appear certain that the Germans met with a severe reverse, although official Berlin reports remain silent concerning the Russian claims. The Russians now state that an additional cruiser must be added to those already reported sunk or put out of action. Whether the German battle cruiser attacked by a British submarine was sunk remains to be told, the official report is silent, having given no details beyond stating that it was torpedoed.

Except for the report from the marine ministry at Paris concerning the sinking of a German patrol boat off Ostend, which is admitted by Berlin, no official news has been received of the allied bombardment of German positions on the Belgian coast.

The Russian armies have not stopped the Austro-German advances, although they are compelling the central powers to fight for every step won. Severe encounters continue before Breslau-Litovsk, but the Baltic campaign is making little progress, although a decisive stroke there by Field Marshal von Hindenburg has been long expected.

On the western front, with the exception of an infantry attack, which is said to have won for the French some German trenches in the Vosges, the warfare is marked by comparatively ineffectual artillery, bomb and mine combats.

### FRENCH STATEMENT OF WAR OPERATIONS

**PARIS, Aug. 24.**—The French war office this afternoon gave out the following statement:

"Last night saw some artillery engagements to the north of Arras between the Somme, Oise and Aisne. In the Vosges, there were very violent encounters on the heights to the east of the river Fecht. In spite of several counter attacks the enemy found it impossible to recapture the ground they had lost. In the Barrenkopf we retained the advantage won during the evening of August 22. The Germans delivered another attack against our trenches on the crest of Sondernach, but were repulsed."

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY GERMAN OFFICERS

**BERLIN, via London, Aug. 24.**—An official statement given out today by the German army staff says: "During yesterday's visit to Zebrugge, Belgium, the British fleet fired from 60 to 70 shots at our coastal fortifications. We have to deplore on account of this bombardment the loss of one killed and six wounded. In addition sixteen Belgian inhabitants were wounded. There was no material damage."

"In the Vosges mountains north of Muenster fighting was suspended by day, but the French again attacked our position on Barrenkopf and to the north of that place in the evening. The attacks were repulsed and weak detachments of the enemy which penetrated our positions were driven over again. A few mountain chassateurs were taken prisoners. During the battle which we reported yesterday a section of the trench on Barrenkopf remained in the hands of the enemy."

### BANANA TREES

In the West Indies Are Almost All Destroyed by the Recent Tropical Storm.

**NEW YORK, Aug. 24.**—The hurricane, which recently swept over the West Indies, destroyed ninety per cent of the banana trees on the north side of the island of Jamaica, according to officers of the Jamaica Commodore Rawlings, which arrived today. The steamer brought a large cargo of bananas, which were cut from the trees felled by the hurricane.

### FAYETTE COUNTY FAIR.

**CHARLESTON, Aug. 24.**—Arrangements are almost completed for the third and largest exhibition of the Fayette county fair, which will be at Oak Hill, September 1, 2, 3 and 4. It promises to surpass all held in previous years.

### TEACHERS' INSTITUTE GROWING IN NUMBER

#### FOOD SHORTAGE.

Is Experienced by 2,000 Residents of Valley Park Made Homeless by Floods.

**ST. LOUIS, Aug. 24.**—Two thousand residents of Valley Park, Mo., made homeless Sunday when the thirty-five foot rise of the Meramec river, flooded the town with ten to fifteen feet of water, today faced a food and drinking water shortage, which threatened to result disastrously. Twenty-five truck loads of food were rushed to the flood refugees from the suburbs of St. Louis yesterday, but this was consumed before the night was over. Two railroad bridges at Edwardsville, Ill., near here collapsed last night after withstanding the flood waters for two days.

#### GAS FAMINE

In a Number of Towns in Arkansas as Result of Floods in That Section.

**LITTLE ROCK, Aug. 24.**—Little Rock, Hot Springs, Pine Bluffs and a number of other Arkansas towns today were threatened with a gas famine as the result of floods causing a break in the main gas line at Rockwellville. Local officials announced the supply of gas would be exhausted by noon tomorrow. About 4,000 residents of Newport and vicinity crowded into two local hotels, the courthouse, the Iron Mountain depot and a few homes into which the water did not rise. Steamboats continued bringing refugees out of the flood district.

#### WAR SUPPLIES

For the Allies in the War Are Discussed With the Emperor of Japan.

**TOKIO, Aug. 24.**—Former Okuma and Minister of War Oka have paid a visit to Nikko to report to the emperor their plans for increasing the supply of munitions in accordance with the decision recently reached by government and private, or saving the nation's output in favor of the allies in the war. Afterward the premier and war minister conferred at length with the ambassadors of the allied powers. Orders have been dispatched to the foundries and factories of the empire that are engaged in the production of munitions to rush their work.

#### DIAMOND RINGS

Are to Be Given Eleven Employees of the United Woolen Mills Company.

**PARKERSBURG, Aug. 24.**—At the annual outing of the United Woolen Mills Company, which will be held at the Edward Butcher farm on the Little Kanawha, Labor day, eleven diamond rings will be awarded to those employees who have been in the service of the company constantly for five years. Those receiving these are the following: H. B. Sanders, manager of the Clarksburg store; Miss Anna Dyer, cashier of the Marietta store; Miss Mabel Spencer, cashier of the Parkersburg store; all of the store and salesmanship department. Those following are of the manufacturing department: Juna Board, Radio Henderson, Charles Young, Claude Alexander, Jack Liberatore, Ervin Stephens, Nick Tacconella and J. Taylor. Previous to this year seventy-five rings have been awarded for like service. All the eleven rings have been purchased and are ready to be given out next Labor day.

#### AGENT ZINN

Makes His report for the Week of Work Among the Farmers.

The following is the report of W. D. Zinn, county agricultural agent, for last week:

Number of farmers visited, 28; number of meetings held, 3, and total attendance 206 at the three meetings. Farmers everywhere seem particularly interested in obtaining seed rice to sow. The meeting Saturday at the court house was pronounced by some of the farmers to be the best held up to date.

#### HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETED.

**MORGANTOWN, Aug. 24.**—Morgantown's beautiful new high school building has been entirely completed and will be ready for occupancy when school convenes September 13.

And the Second Day is Proving Itself of Much Helpfulness to Those Present.

**Tuesday, the second day of the annual institute of teachers of Harrison county, found 350 teachers in attendance, perhaps the largest number ever attending a county institute here.**

The morning session opened at 8 o'clock sharp with a song service under the direction of J. Ransel Romine, and devotionals led by Superintendent H. B. Work, of Lancaster, Pa., one of the institute instructors.

"School Room Decoration" was taken up at 9:15 by Dr. Edward Rynerson, of Pittsburg. He brought out that the first and most important thing in the decoration of a school room is the appearance of the teacher. He then discussed suitable pictures, means of selection and ways of obtaining them.

Prof. L. Friend, state supervisor of high schools, followed with a continued talk from Monday on "Conditions for Better Teaching." He discussed the following points:

Regular Attendance.  
Teachers' Attitude toward Work.  
After recess Miss Rawley, of the Clarksburg schools, conducted a demonstration recitation with second grade pupils. Following this there was a general discussion of the recitation led by Prof. Friend, Superintendent Work and Miss Rawley. A number of other members of the institute engaged in the discussion.

The afternoon session started at 1:30 o'clock with a song service led by J. Ransel Romine. At 1:40 o'clock announcements for the afternoon were made. Prof. M. M. Brooks, of West Virginia Wesleyan College, was then introduced and he discussed the different courses taught at Wesleyan College. He dwelt on the short normal course, the long normal course and the regular college course, all of which Wesleyan is prepared to give.

A discussion of a demonstration recitation led by Dr. Work, was the next on the program. Many of the teachers took part in this discussion. It was perhaps the most beneficial discussion of the institute for the primary teachers.

Dr. A. B. Riker, former president of Mt. Union College and now pastor of a Methodist Episcopal church at Parkersburg, will deliver a lecture on "The Mission of Culture."

Among the most important topics discussed Monday afternoon was "Relation of High School to Elementary

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**DEAL CLOSED**  
In Which 25,000,000 is the Price for Control of Number of Coal Properties.

**CINCINNATI, Aug. 24.**—A \$25,000,000 deal, involving control of a majority of coal mines in West Virginia, including extensive holdings of the Marquette Company, of Cincinnati, is now stated to be completed by the signing of the final papers and transfer of cash, according to Thomas Bruce, New York engineer, who is in this city in the interest of the proposed merger.

Options have been obtained on the properties, according to Bruce. The syndicate which is taking over the mines is a Chicago firm, headed by Max Pam, attorney and financier, who is said to have been one of the chief figures in forming the International Harvester Company.

Included in the present transaction, delayed somewhat, it is claimed, by European financial pressure in the New York financial situation, are a number of Ohio river steamboat lines, which carry almost all of the West Virginia coal moved by water and coal carrying railroads in West Virginia. It is stated by Engineer Bruce that the West Virginia coal will be principally marketed in Chicago and the northwest.

### FORMER MAYOR

Comes from Mable for a Short Visit to His Parents and Friends.

**WILL H. COLE**, former mayor of the city, arrived here Monday evening from Mable to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Cole, a few days. He will return to Mable Friday.

Mayor Cole is an official of the West Virginia Hog Company, which has begun the operation of a hog farm near Mable, where the company has 3,500 acres under lease and has ninety hogs thereon. He is in active management of the farm. The former chief executive of the city has been absent from the city several months and he is being warmly greeted by a host of friends.

### ALLEN JAILED

By Prohibition Officer on a Charge of Selling Whiskey.

Norman Allen is a prisoner in the county jail awaiting a hearing before Magistrate R. Edward Kidd on a charge of selling whiskey in violation of the prohibition law. He was arrested Monday evening at the interurban trolley station by J. H. Tenney, deputy state commissioner of prohibition.

Allen was convicted of a similar offense about a month ago in Magistrate W. E. Starcher's court but he appealed the case to the criminal court and was released upon giving the required bonds.

### PONY TO BE GIVEN AWAY NAMED NORWOOD

Fine Award for Children's Day at Fair to Be Put on Exhibition.

The beautiful Shetland pony, which S. C. Denham, president of the West Virginia Fair Association, has purchased for some lucky boy or girl who attends the Central West Virginia Fair on "Children's Day" next Tuesday, has been christened Norwood in honor of the industrial center that is building up near the fair grounds.

Norwood is one of the prettiest ponies that has ever been brought to Clarksburg. He was purchased from J. B. Supler, who makes a specialty of importing and breeding high class Shetland ponies. The animal has been taken in charge by Mr. Denham and is now quartered at the Gore livery barn.

In order to give the children of the city an opportunity of seeing this magnificent little animal, Norwood will be taken to Telegram Square at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and placed on exhibition there for an hour or so. Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock he will be placed on exhibition in front of the Exponent office and Thursday afternoon at the same hour he will be put on exhibition in front of the American office on Second street. Children of the city are invited to be at these places at the time mentioned and inspect Norwood. He will be in charge of an experienced horseman and the children may ride him if they so desire.

Norwood is to be given away absolutely free to some girl or boy under ten years of age at the Children's Day observance next Tuesday at the great fair. Children under that age will be admitted to the fair ground at half price and tickets will be issued them at the gate, which will entitle them to free admission to the grand stand on that day.

The Children's Day observance will be a big thing for the little folk as a special program will be carried out for them. There will be special attractions for their particular benefit and a children's parade at 2 o'clock in the afternoon will be a most delightful feature. President S. C. Denham hopes to have every child in Harrison county at the fair that day.

### INSTANTLY KILLED

Walter Lambert, Colored Falls Forty-five Feet Into a Well.

Walter L. Lambert, a colored resident of Industrial, is dead as a result of a forty-foot fall to the bottom of a well he was working on at the home of Newton Cunningham at Northview Tuesday morning.

Lambert and Charles Revels were digging the well for Mr. Cunningham and had the hole down fifty feet when they struck the rock. Waiting for a deeper late Monday afternoon they put off a charge of dynamite in the bottom of the well, again that day.

When they started work Tuesday morning Lambert went down into the well but shortly after landing at the bottom he told his partner that the air was bad and it was making him sick. He started up the ladder and had gotten within ten feet of the top when he fainted and fell. He fell head foremost. His head and shoulders hit on the soft rock bottom of the well, causing instant death.

Revels immediately called help and with the aid of well hooks soon fished his body up out of the well. The body was brought to a local undertaking establishment where Dr. S. M. Mason, coroner, will make an examination of the body Tuesday afternoon.

The deceased man is survived by his wife. No funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

### CORONER'S JURY FAILS TO FIND SINGLE CLUE IN CASE

BERLIN NEWSPAPERS STIRRED BY TUMULTY

And They Become Outspoken As to What They Really Believe the Arabic Was.

**BERLIN, Aug. 24.**—No further details concerning the sinking of the Arabic have been published here and the Berlin papers refrain from comment upon the situation resulting from the event. The newspapers publish what purports to be a brief despatch to the London Telegraph quoting Joseph Tumulty, President Wilson's secretary, as saying: "Americans are united with the president and will if necessary offer their lives to maintain the inalienable rights of Americans on land and sea."

The Kreuz Zeitung says: "These inalienable rights, as is known, consist of using British passenger liners." Several papers published the Arabic's manifest on a trip from New York to London beginning July 29 as contained in a report of the German-American Chamber of Commerce of New York. This report says that the Arabic, "which was painted like a battleship, had twelve American guardian angels aboard." The Lokal Anzeiger says that this report shows that the Arabic was equipped for battle and therefore not to be considered a harmless merchantman. The Tages Zeitung heads the London Telegraph despatch with the line "Wilson's Secretary Threatens."

### BOYCOTT

Declared by Boston Firm against State of Georgia Because of Lynching.

**ATLANTA, Aug. 24.**—A Boston firm which for the last two years has furnished the city of Atlanta with caulking yard and tools has refused to have further dealings with the municipal authorities until action is taken in connection with the lynching of Leo M. Frank according to W. E. Chambers, city purchasing agent. Mr. Chambers today made public the following letter received from the concern:

"Answering your letter of the seventeenth, we do not care to quote prices on caulking and we do not wish to solicit further any of the business of the city of Atlanta until the state of Georgia has taken official looking to the apprehension and punishment of those men who murdered Leo M. Frank."

The communication was signed by the president of the company.

### NAVAL DUEL

Between German Cruisers and Russian Shore Batteries is Costly to the Germans.

**LONDON, Aug. 24.**—From details of the attempted German landing in the gulf of Riga last Saturday as published in the Novoe Vremya it appears, says a dispatch from Petrograd, that three large transports filled with troops approached the shore under cover of a German squadron. The German ships were allowed to come close to land before a terrific artillery fire was opened by the Russians. Batteries continued for two hours, when the last transport was sunk. Only a few crowded boats then remained and these were soon smashed to pieces by the Russian fire.

### ANOTHER SHIP SUNK.

**BERLIN, via wireless, Aug. 24.**—The German admiral's (von) announcement that a German submarine had torpedoed and sunk a Russian auxiliary ship at the entrance to the gulf of Finland.

### CONVICTED

Of Drinking Whiskey in Court House and Sentenced Are Two Men.

J. P. Burns and Hugh Morrow are serving sentences of sixty days each in the county jail and will have to settle fines of \$100 each for violating the prohibition law by drinking whiskey in the basement of the court house. The sentences were imposed Monday night at the close of a hearing in Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner's court.

The men were arrested by J. H. Tenney, deputy commissioner of prohibition, and Deputy Sheriff Clarence Vannort, who caught them in the act of drinking the whiskey.

**WOMAN IN JAIL.**  
Charged with loitering in the streets, a woman giving her name as Florence Miller is a prisoner in the city jail, awaiting disposition of her case by Mayor G. H. Gordon. The mayor stated that she would probably be given her choice of leaving the city or spending thirty days in the county jail. The woman was arrested shortly after 1 o'clock Tuesday morning by Officer Davidson.

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### SUIT ENTERED

Against Defunct Fairmont Bank and Its Surety to Recover State Funds.

**CHARLESTON, Aug. 24.**—Suit was entered in the circuit court of Kanawha county today by Attorney General A. A. Lilly against the Citizens' Dollar Savings Bank of Fairmont and the Maryland Casualty Company, of Baltimore, to recover \$15,000 of the state funds held in the bank when it passed into the hands of a receiver. The proceeding is one in debt, which is stated to be for \$150,000. It is the object of the attorney general to recover the money from the surety without waiting for action by the receiver of the bank.

### SAFE BLOWN

In Postoffice at Sabraton and Large Number of Stamps Are Stolen.

**MORGANTOWN, Aug. 24.**—The safe in the postoffice at Sabraton, a suburb, was blown open early this morning. Eight hundred and thirty dollars in stamps was secured. About \$800 in office funds was not in the safe, the postmaster keeping them at his home. Bloodhounds are being used to trail the thieves. Federal postoffice inspectors are on the way to take charge.

### SENTENCES

Are Imposed upon Two Men and a Boy for Train Riding.

Saul Lang and Jerome Fletcher, laborers, are serving sentences of ten days at work on the country roads and George Anderson, 14 years old, is serving a like sentence in the county jail for stealing a ride on a railroad train in the local yards.

The sentences were imposed Monday night by Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner in default of the payment of \$5 fines and costs each. All three were arrested late Monday afternoon by J. H. Douglas, of the Baltimore and Ohio detective force.

### FAIR ENTRIES

Are Being Made in a Way That Gives Promise of a Complete Array of Exhibits.

Clarksburg fair entries are showing up nicely the second day of the same holding out assurances that all departments will be completely filled.

The cattle showing is especially fine with such stockmen as John D. McKens, Ross F. Stout, S. L. Blake and C. C. McKinley having made numerous entries early. The horse classes are being rapidly filled, and, in fact, every other live stock department as well as the various departments in the floral and machinery halls give promise of more than the usual number of exhibits.

James N. Hess, secretary of the fair, has charge of the entry work, assisted by Misses Vera Fisher and Ethel Hess. The work is being done in room 705 in the Goff building.

Entries will close at 5 o'clock sharp Friday evening and it is urgent that all be made before that time. None will be received after the closing hour.

### THREE LIVES LOST.

**LONDON, Aug. 24.**—Three men lost their lives by the sinking of a trawler from Hull. It was announced today. The other nine members of the crew were saved.

Returns Verdict That Frank was Lynched by Persons Unknown to It.

### VERY NEAR DISCLOSURE

Marietta Merchant Testifies He Drove by as Lynchers Were Parking Their Cars.

**MARIETTA, Ga., Aug. 24.**—Without being able to elicit from anyone of eleven witnesses a single clue as to the identity of any person connected with the lynching of Leo M. Frank a coroner's jury today returned a verdict that Frank came to his death by hanging at the hands of persons unknown.

City and county officials testified that they had endeavored diligently to get at the facts of the lynching but so far their efforts had been of no avail.

"Of course you know these things are kept pretty close and are hard to find out," said Mayor Dobbs, of Marietta.

City Marshal Looney stated that he was working hard on the case but at this time could throw no light on the identity of the persons who participated in the lynching.

The nearest disclosure as to what happened in the oak grove near the Fagan home came from J. A. Benson, a Marietta merchant, who drove by the place soon after the lynching party had parked its automobiles by the roadside and had led Frank to the tree where death awaited him.

Mr. Benson said he had a "pretty good suspicion" as to what was going on but he did not stop to see it and he did not recognize anybody in the party.

### LAWS ATTACKED

On Ground It is Unconstitutional and Legislature Had No Power to Pass It.

**CHARLESTON, Aug. 24.**—The constitutionality of the Yost prohibition law was attacked in the Kanawha county circuit court here today, when habeas corpus proceedings were instituted to secure the liberation of Robert eBl, who is serving a sentence of four months and was required to pay a \$100 fine for violation of the law. The petition, which is made returnable September 4, alleges that the indictment on which Bell was convicted does not allege facts, which constitute an offense and that the law based on the prohibition amendment was at the time of its passage an unconstitutional act and beyond legislative authority.

### JOINT CREDIT LOAN

With Great Britain, France and Russia Participating to Come Next.

**NEW YORK, Aug. 24.**—The bill was expressed in the financial district today that the next big foreign loan in New York will be a joint credit loan with Great Britain, France and Russia participating.

Such a loan would be a novelty in modern finance. Since the beginning of the war credit loans have been made here to each of the three powers separately, but there has been no suggestion until recently that they would unite in a method meeting their obligations for American munitions and other supplies.

### COUNT ASKS

That Judgment of the American Government be Withheld for the Present.

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.**—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today asked the United States to withhold judgment on the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic until it has heard from eBrill.

Count von Bernstorff telegraphed the state department today saying he made the request at the instruction of his government and added the German admiral had not yet been able to get a report on the sinking.

### SO FREIGHT SERVICE.

All freight service on the Monongahela Valley Traction Company's interurban line between here and Fairmont will be discontinued for Thursday according to special announcement made Tuesday by Robert Perine, dispatcher at the local office of the traction company. The reason for discontinuing the service Thursday is to give clear tracks for the passenger cars which will be carrying persons to the Fairmont fair.

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